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**Subject:** RE: Transition Information. Correction.

That's good news

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OECA and DOJ have just informed us that the Freeze memo does not apply to enforcement notices. Sorry for the confusion.

Thanks. Cecil.  
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Colleagues: Sharing some transition information from OGC.

1. The Federal Register freeze memo applies to all FR notices.

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2. Please see attached Abeyance Letter sent by the Melissa Hoffer, Acting General Counsel to DOJ. The letter requests DOJ seek and obtain abeyances or stays of proceedings in pending litigation seeking judicial review of any EPA regulation promulgated between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, or seeking to establish a deadline for EPA to promulgate a regulation in connection with the subject of any such regulation, in order to provide an opportunity for new Agency leadership to review the underlying rule or matter. For a case where an abeyance or stay of proceedings is not feasible, DOJ is asked to seek extensions of time that are of enough time on to allow this review. While these rule cases are a high priority, the Agency expects a similar request may apply for additional cases in a defensive posture.

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3. In addition, we will be seeking extensions on matters before the Environmental Appeals Board

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4. Please see Washington Post Tracker of Biden Administration Environmental actions.  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2021/climate-environment/biden-climate-environment-actions/>

If you have any questions please give Allison, Donna or me a call.

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